

Privilege—Mr. McCrossan

(Mr. Ravis) on Tuesday, April 30, 1985, does not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

I received notice earlier from the Hon. Member for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly) of an attempt to raise a question of privilege at three o'clock.

Mr. Cassidy: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have indicated that I am trying to hear the Hon. Member for Comox-Powell River on a question of privilege of which he has given me notice.

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PRIVILEGE

MR. SKELLY—MILAP PROGRAM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in the House I raised a matter with the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald). The matter I raised now appears to have been confirmed. She had not confirmed the matter yesterday.

The individuals in the program of which she was speaking have in fact admitted that they are receiving substantial amounts of money from the program. It was my opinion that the Minister completely misled the House yesterday and that some definite action should be taken—

Mr. Speaker: Order. There may be a difference of opinion as to the facts but it is clearly not a question of privilege.

MR. McCROSSAN—STATEMENT BY MR. HEAP UNDER STANDING ORDER 21

Mr. W. Paul McCrossan (York-Scarborough): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. In a statement made before Question Period the Hon. Member for Spadina (Mr. Heap) appears to have misinformed the House concerning my actions on the issue of the removal of the radio-active soil on McClure Crescent in Malvern.

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is clearly a dispute as to facts. Is it a question of privilege or a point of order?

Mr. McCrossan: It is—

Mr. Speaker: It is neither a point of order nor a question of privilege. The Hon. Member has the right to rise tomorrow under Statements Pursuant to Standing Order 21 to make a statement of his own, if he chooses. Does the Hon. Member have a point of order or a question of privilege?

Mr. McCrossan: Is it a question of privilege? I am not a lawyer. However, the Hon. Member has misstated my actions without attempting to verify the facts with me.

Mr. Speaker: Order. All Members of Parliament have the right to say what they wish in the House of Commons. That is the privilege of free speech. If the Hon. Member believes that

there is a dispute or that a correction to the record needs to be made, he has the right to rise tomorrow under Statements Pursuant to Standing Order 21 to make his own statement. That is the way it works in a free debating environment.

MR. CASSIDY—ACTION OF RCMP—REMOVAL OF TABLE FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. At 2.30 this afternoon, the RCMP removed from Parliament Hill a table at which my colleagues, the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson), the Hon. Member for Spadina (Mr. Heap) and myself had been distributing literature about peace yesterday and today. This unusual kind of privilege which allows Members of Parliament to distribute material but not citizens would—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member knows full well that matters that do not occur in the House during Question Period may not be raised in the House as questions of privilege without giving the Speaker proper notice in writing at least one hour in advance. I appreciate the Hon. Member's interest but the Hon. Member is an experienced Member and he knows that he must abide by the rules.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a legitimate point of order which relates to the matter of House business. In light of the fact that I would like to give notice with respect to the Business of the House as soon in advance as possible, particularly when it involves many days, I rise now to designate Friday as the fourth allotted day in this Supply period. Other Business of the House will be under discussion between House Leaders later this afternoon and I hope to make further announcements during the course of the next few days concerning that Business of the House.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITION

POSTAL SERVICE IN SASKATOON

Mr. Don Ravis (Saskatoon East): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House a petition on behalf of more than 450 residents from Saskatoon, a majority of whom live in the subdivision of Forest Grove. In the petition, they express their desire for better postal service, and they deserve better postal service. They make representations to the Canada Post Corporation for the establishment of a much needed sub-post